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of 7 June 2012
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Article 1

Subject matter and scope

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1. This Regulation lays down rules for the management of an annual Union tariff quota for high-quality beef provided for in Regulation (EC) No 617/2009, hereinafter referred to as ‘the tariff quota’. The tariff quota period, country of origin, volume and duty are set out in Annex I to this Regulation.

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2. This Regulation shall apply to high-quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef that fulfils the requirements laid down in Annex II.

For the purposes of this Regulation, ‘frozen meat’ means meat with an internal temperature of – 12 °C or lower when it enters the customs territory of the European Union.

Article 2

Management of the tariff quota

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1. The tariff quota shall be managed on a first-come, first-served basis in accordance with Articles 49 to 52 and Article 53(1) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 ⁽¹⁾. No import licences shall be required.

2. The tariff quota shall be managed as a parent tariff quota with a volume of 45 000 metric tonnes under order number 09.2201 with:

- (a) four quarterly sub-tariff quotas under order number 09.2202;
- (b) two quarterly sub-tariff quotas under order number 09.2203 from 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020;
- (c) four quarterly sub-tariff quotas under order number 09.2203 from 1 July 2020.

The benefit from the tariff quota can be granted only by applying for order numbers 09.2202 and 09.2203 referring to the sub-tariff quotas.

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3. The drawings on the sub-tariff quotas until 30 September, 31 December and 31 March shall be stopped respectively on the fifth working day of the Commission in November, February and May. Their unused balances shall be added to the quantities for the quarterly sub-tariff quotas starting respectively on 1 October, 1 January and 1 April. No unused balance at the end of a quota year shall be transferred to another quota year.

⁽¹⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 of 24 November 2015 laying down detailed rules for implementing certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the Union Customs Code (OJ L 343, 29.12.2015, p. 558).

▼B*Article 3***Certificates of authenticity**

1. In order to benefit from the tariff quota, a certificate of authenticity issued in the third country concerned, together with a customs declaration for release for free circulation for the goods concerned, shall be presented to the Union's customs authorities.
2. The certificate of authenticity referred to in paragraph 1 shall be established in accordance with the model set out in Annex III.
3. On the reverse side of the certificate of authenticity it shall be stated that the meat originating in the exporting country fulfils the requirements laid down in Annex II.
4. A certificate of authenticity shall be valid only if it is duly completed and endorsed by the issuing authority.
5. A certificate of authenticity shall be considered to have been duly endorsed if it states the date and place of issue and if it bears the stamp of the issuing authority and the signature of the person or persons empowered to sign it.
6. The stamp may be replaced by a printed seal on the original of the certificate of authenticity and any copies thereof.

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7. The validity of a certificate of authenticity shall be three months from the date of its issue.

▼B*Article 4***Issuing authorities in third countries**

1. The issuing authority referred to in Article 3 shall:
 - (a) be recognised as such by the competent authority of the exporting country;
 - (b) undertake to verify entries in the certificates of authenticity.
2. The following information shall be notified to the Commission:
 - (a) the name and address, if possible including e-mail and internet address, of the authority or authorities recognised to issue the certificates of authenticity referred to in Article 3;
 - (b) specimen of the stamps used by the issuing authority or authorities;
 - (c) the procedures and criteria followed by the issuing authority or authorities in order to establish whether the requirements laid down in Annex II are fulfilled.

▼B*Article 5***Third country notifications**

When the requirements laid down in Annex II are fulfilled, the Commission shall publish the name of the issuing authority or authorities concerned in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union* or by any other appropriate means.

*Article 6***On-the-spot checks in third countries**

The Commission may request the third country to authorise representatives of the Commission to carry out, where required, on-the-spot checks in that third country. Those checks shall be performed jointly with the competent authorities of the third country concerned.

*Article 7***Repeal**

Regulation (EC) No 620/2009 is repealed.

*Article 8***Transitional measures**

Licence applications submitted in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 620/2009 during the first seven days of June 2012 shall be rejected on the date of entry into force of this Regulation. The securities lodged in relation with those applications shall be released.

*Article 9***Entry into force and application**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 July 2012.

However, Article 8 shall apply from the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

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ANNEX I

Tariff quota for high-quality fresh, chilled or frozen beef

CN codes	Description of goods	Tariff quota periods and subperiods	Country			Tariff quota duty
			All countries	United States	Other countries	
			Order number			
			09.2202	09.2203	09.2202	
Tariff quota volume (in tonnes net weight)						
ex 0201 ex 0202 ex 0206 10 95 ex 0206 29 91	Meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled or frozen, that fulfils the requirements laid down in Annex II	From 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020			Zero	
		From 1 July to 30 September	11 250	-		-
		From 1 October to 31 December	11 250	-		-
		From 1 January to 31 March	-	4 625		6 625
		From 1 April to 30 June	-	4 625		6 625
		From 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021				
		From 1 July to 30 September	-	4 625		6 625
		From 1 October to 31 December	-	4 625		6 625
		From 1 January to 31 March	-	5 750		5 500
		From 1 April to 30 June	-	5 750		5 500
		From 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022				
		From 1 July to 30 September	-	5 750		5 500
		From 1 October to 31 December	-	5 750		5 500
		From 1 January to 31 March	-	6 350		4 900
		From 1 April to 30 June	-	6 350		4 900
		From 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023				
		From 1 July to 30 September	-	6 350		4 900
		From 1 October to 31 December	-	6 350		4 900
		From 1 January to 31 March	-	6 950		4 300
		From 1 April to 30 June	-	6 950		4 300

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			Tariff quota volume (in tonnes net weight)			
From 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024						
	From 1 July to 30 September	-	6 950	4 300		
	From 1 October to 31 December	-	6 950	4 300		
	From 1 January to 31 March	-	7 550	3 700		
	From 1 April to 30 June	-	7 550	3 700		
From 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025						
	From 1 July to 30 September	-	7 550	3 700		
	From 1 October to 31 December	-	7 550	3 700		
	From 1 January to 31 March	-	8 150	3 100		
	From 1 April to 30 June	-	8 150	3 100		
From 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026						
	From 1 July to 30 September	-	8 150	3 100		
	From 1 October to 31 December	-	8 150	3 100		
	From 1 January to 31 March	-	8 750	2 500		
	From 1 April to 30 June	-	8 750	2 500		
From 1 July 2026						
	From 1 July to 30 September	-	8 750	2 500		
	From 1 October to 31 December	-	8 750	2 500		
	From 1 January to 31 March	-	8 750	2 500		
	From 1 April to 30 June	-	8 750	2 500		

▼B*ANNEX II***Requirements for goods under the tariff quota referred to in Article 1**

1. Beef cuts are obtained from carcasses of heifers and steers⁽¹⁾ less than 30 months of age which have only been fed a diet, for at least the last 100 days before slaughter, containing not less than 62 % of concentrates and/or feed grain co-products on a dietary dry matter basis, that meets or exceeds a metabolisable energy content greater than 12,26 mega joules per one kilogram of dry matter.
2. The heifers and steers that are fed the diet described in point 1 shall be fed, on average, no less than 1,4 % of live body weight per day on a dry matter basis.
3. The carcass from which beef cuts are derived are evaluated by an evaluator employed by the national government who bases the evaluation, and a resulting classification of the carcass, on a method approved by the national government. The national government evaluation method, and its classifications, must evaluate expected carcass quality using a combination of carcass maturity and palatability traits of the beef cuts. Such an evaluation method of the carcass shall include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of the maturity characteristics of colour and texture of the longissimus dorsi muscle and bone and cartilage ossification, as well as an evaluation of expected palatability traits including a combination of the discrete specifications of intramuscular fat and firmness of the longissimus dorsi muscle.
4. The cuts shall be labelled in accordance with Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽²⁾.
5. The indication 'High Quality Beef' may be added to the information on the label.

⁽¹⁾ ► **M1** For the purposes of these requirements, heifers and steers are 'bovine animals', as defined in point 1 of Part IV of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007, which correspond, respectively, to categories E and C, as defined in Part A of Annex V to that Regulation. ◀

⁽²⁾ OJ L 204, 11.8.2000, p. 1.

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ANNEX III

1. Exporteur (naam en adres)	2. Certificaatnummer	ORIGINEEL	
4. Geadresseerde (naam en adres)	3. Instantie van afgifte		
6. Vervoermiddel	<p style="text-align: center;">5. ECHTHEIDSCERTIFICAAT RUNDVLEES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Uitvoeringsverordening (EU) nr. 481/2012</p>		
7. Merken, nummers, aantal en soort van de colli; omschrijving van de goederen	8. Brutoweight (kg)	9. Nettogewicht (kg)	
10. Nettogewicht (voluit)			
<p>11. VERKLARING VAN DE INSTANTIE VAN AFGIFTE</p> <p>Ondergetekende verklaart hiermede dat het in dit certificaat omschreven rundvlees voldoet aan de omschrijvingen op de keerzijde.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Plaats: Datum:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Handtekening en stempel (of gedrukt zegel)</p>			

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